

MOURNING DOVES AND SANDHILL CRANES

SEPTEMBER 2004

Seasons and limits for sandhill cranes and mourning doves are set annually. Therefore, season changes for the 2004 season will be published in a separate brochure that will be available at IDFG offices and license vendors statewide by June 15, 2004.

STAMPS AND VALIDATIONS

No person shall hunt mourning doves, sandhill cranes, ducks, geese, brant, coots or common snipe anywhere within the state of Idaho without having in possession the appropriate hunting license that has been validated for the FEDERAL MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (FEDERAL HIP). The validation cost is \$1.50, and is available at any license vendor. This validation is in effect from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

The FWS and all state wildlife agencies are cooperating in this program, which began in 1992, to gather better harvest information on migratory game birds. Idaho joined the program in 1996. The FEDERAL HIP will allow migratory game bird managers to more accurately estimate the annual harvest of waterfowl, shore birds (snipe, for example), and doves to gain a better understanding of bird populations.

Any person 16 or older who hunts ducks, geese, or brant must have in possession a valid FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD STAMP (cost = \$15) signed in ink by the holder.

EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

- **Shot Sizes:** Sandhill cranes may legally be taken with shot size T (0.2 inches in diameter) or smaller (lead or nontoxic).

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to state rules, the following federal regulations apply to the taking, possessing, shipping, transporting, or storing of migratory game birds. This information is only a summary of the major federal regulations which are found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20, and which are available at law enforcement offices listed here for the full text of the applicable regulations: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Room 341, Boise, Idaho 83709; 1820 East 17th Street, Suite 115, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404. Violation of federal regulations is also a violation of state law.

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than a 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.

- With any shotgun capable of holding more than three shells unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- From a sink box (a low floating device having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance (Also see: "It Is Unlawful" section). "Paraplegic" means an individual inflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs.
- By use or aid of live birds as decoys.
- From or by means of any motorboat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls, or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in the range of the hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited areas. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

Closed Season: No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

Shooting or Hawking (Falconry) Hours: No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

Daily Bag Limit: No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

Field Possession Limit: No person shall possess while in the field, have in custody, or transport more than one daily bag limit between the place where taken and either:

- His/her automobile or principle means of land transportation.
- His/her personal abode or temporary place of lodging.
- A migratory bird preservation facility.
- A post office.
- A common carrier facility.

Other Possession:

- No person shall possess more than one daily limit on the opening day of the season.
- No person shall possess more than the possession limit even when such birds are stored at home or are being processed at a commercial preservation facility.
- No person including commercial facilities shall possess migratory birds of another unless such birds are tagged by the taker with the total number of birds and species, date killed, and signed by the taker.

Termination of possession: The possession of birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to:

- A. Another person as a gift; **OR**
- B. A post office, or a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility, **AND** consigned for transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

(NOTE: Migratory birds left in processing or storage facilities, home freezers, etc., are part of a hunter's "possession limit" until conditions above are met. Birds must be given or assigned to someone other than the taker in order to end or terminate possession.)

Tagging: No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: (a) the hunter's signature, (b) the hunter's address, (c) the total number of birds involved, by species, and (d) the dates such birds were killed. Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services (see proxy statement on page 10).

Wanton Waste: All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

Possession of Live Birds: Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

Dressing: No person shall completely field dress any

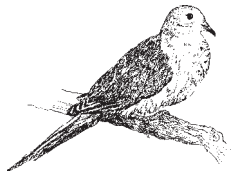
migratory game bird and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

Shipment: No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

Importation: For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66.

National Wildlife Refuges: More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges. Hunters should check refuge regulations before hunting.

Indian-owned Reservation Lands: Federal law prohibits unauthorized trespass on Indian-owned reservation lands for hunting, fishing, or trapping purposes (18 US 1165).



2004 MOURNING DOVE SEASON AND LIMITS

Sep 1–Sep 30 .

Daily Bag Limit: 10

Possession Limit After First Day Of Season: 20

- ✓ Federal Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program Validation—REQUIRED
- ✓ Federal Migratory Bird Stamp—NOT REQUIRED
- ✓ Nontoxic Shot—NOT REQUIRED
- ✓ Shotgun capable of carrying no more than 3 shells—REQUIRED

SANDHILL CRANE CONTROLLED HUNTS

Information on sandhill crane controlled hunts, seasons, limits, and how to apply for permits will be published in a separate brochure. These brochures will be available at IDFG offices and license vendors statewide by June 15. Additional information for sandhill crane and mourning dove seasons and limits will be included in the 2005 brochure.

Permit Requirements: No person shall hunt sandhill cranes without having in possession the appropriate hunting license and controlled hunt permit.

Applications: The application period for controlled hunts is June 15 through July 15; applications must be received at any IDFG office and postmarked no later than the last day of the application period. Applications may be submitted electronically at any license vendor. They may also be processed by using Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover cards and calling 1-800-TAG DRAW. This call is free, but a service charge will be assessed for processing the application. Charges will be explained upon request. This fee is in addition to the nonrefundable application fee.

Only one application per person or group will be accepted for each species.

Applicants for controlled hunts must submit a \$6.50 nonrefundable application fee (per person, per species) with their application. The applicant may direct that \$1.00 of the fee be donated to Citizens Against Poaching.

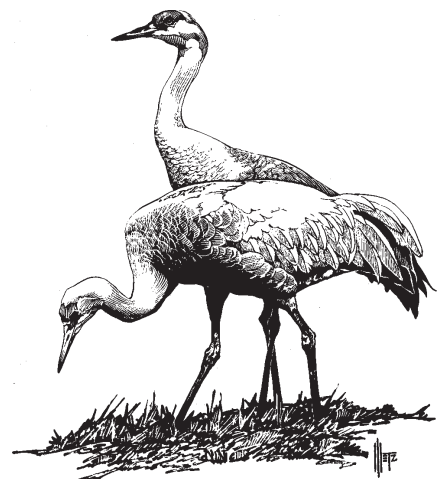
CONTROLLED HUNT FEES

Application Fee	\$6.00 (nonrefundable)
Controlled Hunt Permit	\$7.50 (includes \$1.50 issuance fee)
Sandhill Crane Tag	\$1.50 (issuance fee)
FEDERAL HIP Validation	\$1.50 (issuance fee)

Note: Only the application fee is required during the application process. Successful applicants must then purchase permit, tag and HIP validation. A Federal Migratory Bird Stamp is not required to hunt sandhill cranes.

GROUP APPLICATION is defined as two hunters applying for the same controlled hunt on the same application.

REFUNDS OF CONTROLLED HUNT FEE: Hunting license fees will NOT be refunded to unsuccessful or ineligible applicants. Controlled hunt fees are not refundable.



OFFICIAL SHOOTING HOURS FOR MOURNING DOVES AND SANDHILL CRANES DURING SEPTEMBER

(One-half hour before sunrise to sunset)

The tables below have been adjusted to actual shooting times. No further adjustment is necessary.

	Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, that portion of Idaho County north of the Salmon River, Nez Perce and Shoshone counties.		Blaine, Butte, Camas, Cassia, Custer, Gooding, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls counties.		Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Caribou, Clark, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Power and Teton counties.		Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, that portion of Idaho County south of the Salmon River, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington counties.	
Sept.	Begin (AM)	End (PM)	Begin (AM)	End (PM)	Begin (AM)	End (PM)	Begin (AM)	End (PM)
1	5:38	7:31	6:31	8:13	6:25	8:05	6:38	8:21
2	5:39	7:29	6:32	8:12	6:26	8:04	6:39	8:19
3	5:41	7:27	6:33	8:10	6:27	8:02	6:40	8:17
4	5:42	7:25	6:34	8:08	6:28	8:00	6:42	8:15
5	5:43	7:23	6:35	8:07	6:29	7:59	6:43	8:14
6	5:45	7:21	6:36	8:05	6:30	7:57	6:44	8:12
7	5:46	7:19	6:37	8:03	6:31	7:55	6:45	8:10
8	5:48	7:17	6:38	8:01	6:32	7:53	6:46	8:08
9	5:49	7:15	6:39	8:00	6:33	7:52	6:47	8:06
10	5:50	7:13	6:40	7:58	6:34	7:50	6:48	8:05
11	5:52	7:11	6:41	7:56	6:35	7:48	6:49	8:03
12	5:53	7:09	6:42	7:54	6:36	7:46	6:50	8:01
13	5:54	7:07	6:43	7:52	6:37	7:44	6:52	7:59
14	5:56	7:05	6:45	7:51	6:29	7:43	6:53	7:57
15	5:57	7:03	6:46	7:49	6:40	7:41	6:54	7:56
16	5:58	7:01	6:47	7:47	6:41	7:39	6:55	7:54
17	6:00	6:59	6:48	7:45	6:42	7:37	6:56	7:52
18	6:01	6:57	6:49	7:43	6:43	7:35	6:57	7:50
19	6:02	6:55	6:50	7:41	6:44	7:34	6:58	7:48
20	6:04	6:53	6:52	7:39	6:45	7:32	6:59	7:46
21	6:05	6:51	6:53	7:37	6:46	7:30	7:01	7:45
22	6:06	6:49	6:54	7:36	6:47	7:28	7:02	7:43
23	6:07	6:47	6:55	7:35	6:48	7:26	7:03	7:41
24	6:08	6:45	6:56	7:33	6:49	7:25	7:04	7:39
25	6:09	6:42	6:58	7:31	6:50	7:24	7:05	7:37
26	6:11	6:40	6:59	7:29	6:52	7:22	7:06	7:35
27	6:12	6:38	7:00	7:27	6:53	7:20	7:08	7:34
28	6:13	6:35	7:02	7:25	6:54	7:18	7:09	7:32
29	6:14	6:33	7:03	7:23	6:55	7:16	7:10	7:30
30	6:15	6:31	7:04	7:21	6:56	7:14	7:11	7:28

MOUNTAIN QUAIL SIGHTINGS

WANTED

We Need Your Help

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is surveying the state for mountain quail. This bird was once common in the western part of Idaho but now exists only in small scattered populations.

We need your help in determining the status and distribution of these birds. Please report any sighting you make as soon as possible.

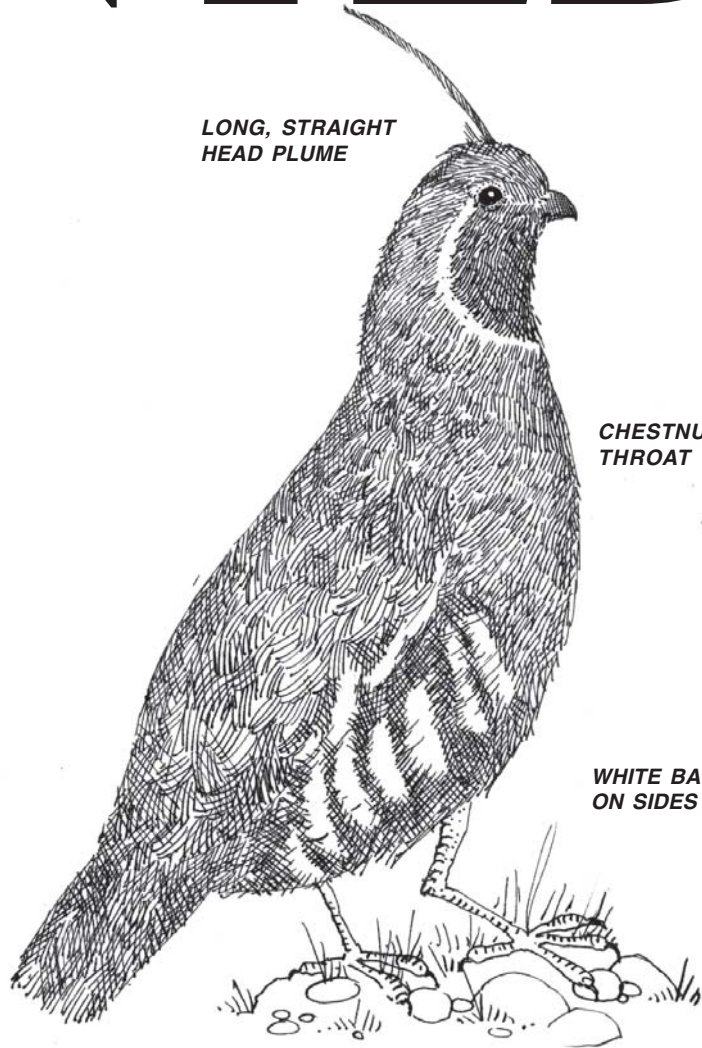
What to Look For

- Long straight head plume
- Chestnut throat (not black like California quail)
- Vertical white bars on sides
- Most common on brushy mountain slopes or in brushy forest

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CHESTNUT
THROAT

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Who to Contact

Headquarters Office—Boise Phone: (208) 334-3700
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Clearwater Region—Lewiston Phone: (208) 799-5010
Southwest Region—Nampa Phone: (208) 465-8465
McCall Subregion—McCall Phone: (208) 634-8137
Magic Valley Region—Jerome Phone: (208) 324-4350
Southeast Region—Pocatello Phone: (208) 232-4703
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